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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.)
Serial No.: 09/465,016)
Filed: December 16, 1999)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
FORMING AN OPTICAL FIBER)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 14, as follows:

b3 1. (Amended) Method for manufacturing a glass preform by depositing an aerosol stream of glass particles onto a target, which comprises:
- providing a reaction chamber comprising an inlet and an outlet, wherein an inside of the reaction chamber has a temperature gradient such that a temperature increases from the inlet to the outlet;

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